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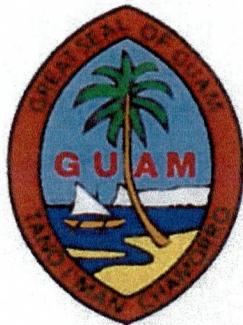
Attached is the response to Governors Moliga, Calvo, and Torres on fishing prohibitions in marine national monuments in the Pacific.

Downey has asked for your surname. She made a strikeout to the last paragraph but I don't have that edit tonight. I will email it to you tomorrow morning when I get into the office. We need your surname tomorrow morning please.

I am also attaching another incoming from Governor Moliga that Exec Sec received yesterday, as an FYI.

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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Dear Mr. President:

We, the Governors of the US Territories of American Samoa and Guam and the US Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, humbly request that you use executive authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to remove the fishing provisions applicable to the Marine National Monuments in federal and our island jurisdictions.

Our island communities depend on the ocean for food security and economic opportunities. Our Samoan, Chamorro, and Carolinian cultures are interwoven with the marine environment and fishing. The monument fishing restrictions are unnecessary and impede our socioeconomic and cultural stability. The promises of previous administrations and environmental organizations of monument co-management and revenue generation have not been realized.

Our islands contribute a significant amount of land and water for military training and among the highest per capita US Armed Forces personnel and military casualties, reflecting our resolute American patriotism. Many of our people have not returned from harsh and distant battlegrounds, providing the ultimate sacrifice for our great country.

We trust you will demonstrate your great leadership on this pressing issue and do what is right for our people and the Nation. Please return American fishermen to US waters and remove the monument fishing prohibitions.

Respectfully,

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Governor of Guam

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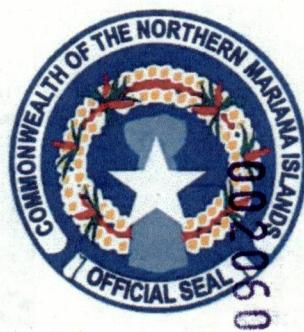
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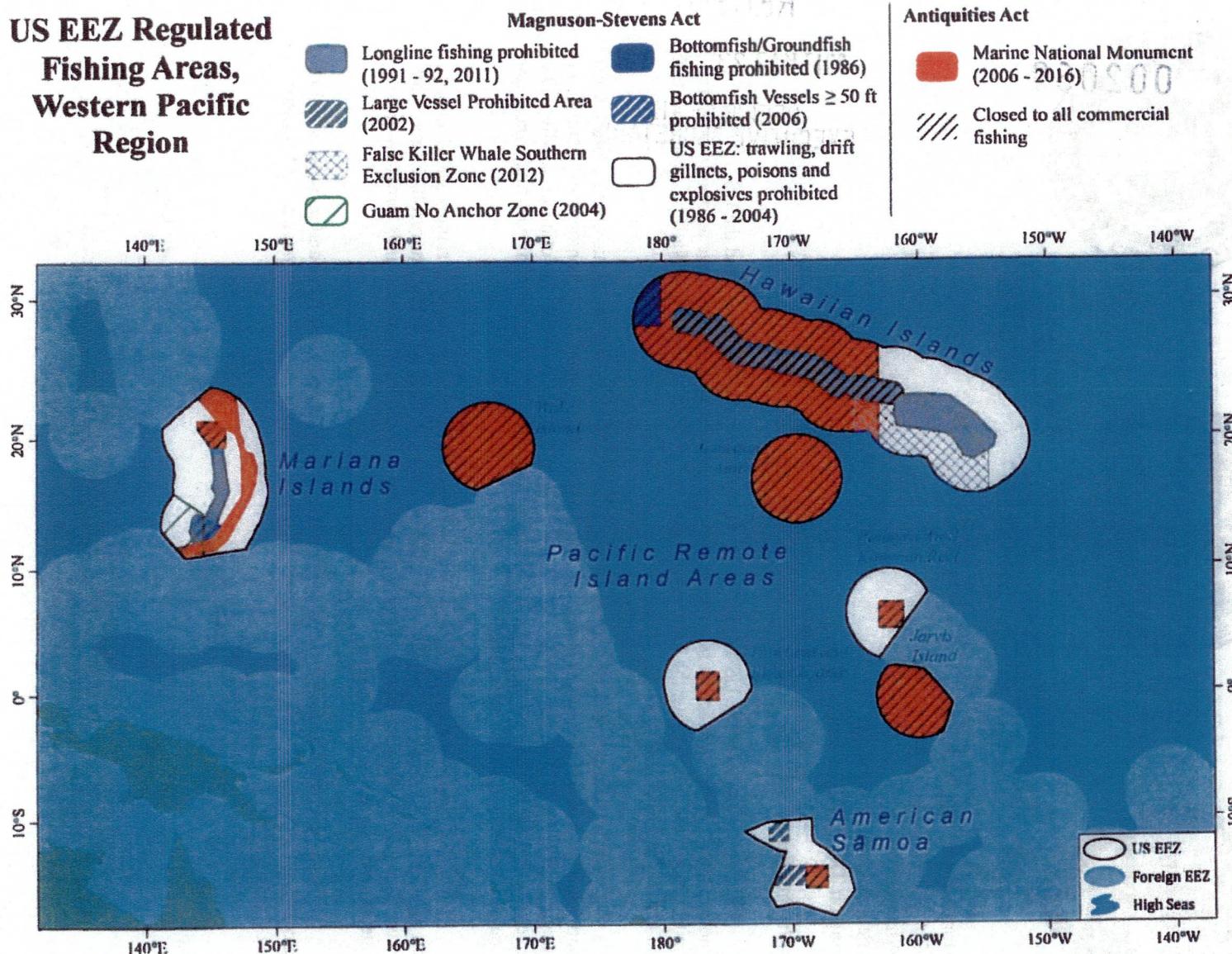
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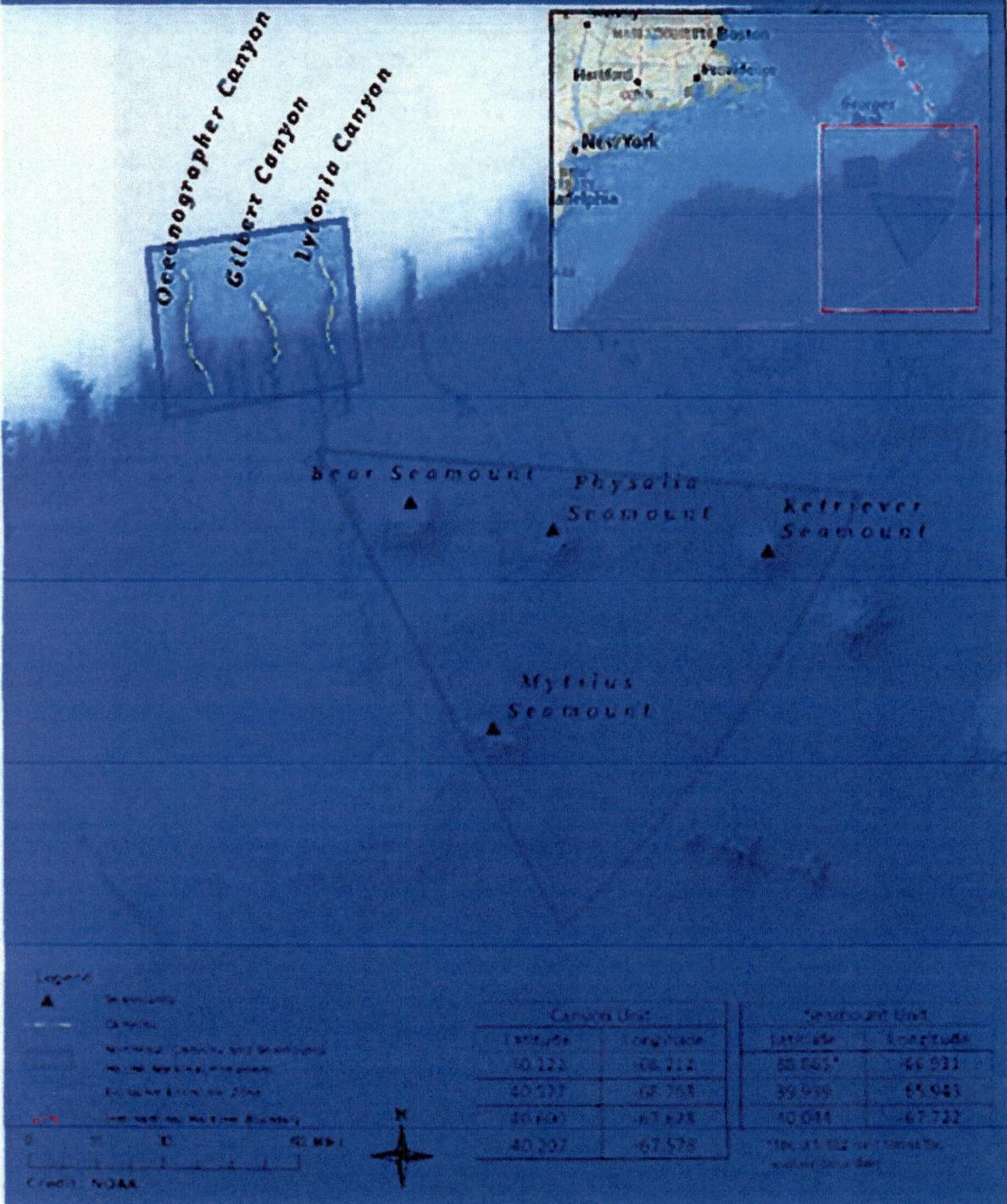
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August 9, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
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Dear Madame Secretary:

We are encouraged and reassured by the bold steps adopted and implemented by President Donald Trump to unshackle the economy of the United States from the stranglehold of adverse economic development policies and regulations.

The Territory of American Samoa's economy is defined by just one industry engaged in the production of can tuna fish and other fish related products destined for the US Market. Withdrawal of federal incentives, automatic imposition of federal minimum wage hikes of \$0.40 every three years, prohibition of fishing in the high seas by NOAA, reduction of fishing grounds by Presidential Ocean Monuments expansion, grossly insensitive enforcement of United States Coast Guard rules and regulations, and stiff competition from foreign low wage can tuna fish producing foreign countries severely threaten the continued viability of this industry. StarKist Samoa is the only remaining company with the recent closure of Tri-Marine's Samoa Tuna Processing in December 31, 2016 and the demise of Van Camp Samoa Packing Company in 2009.

American Samoa's economy is still going through recovery and the eminent loss of StarKist Samoa attributed to the above enumerated factors, will cause the Territory of American Samoa to emulate the financial crisis being experienced by the Territory of Puerto Rico and the Territory of the Virgin Islands. American Samoa will be at the Federal Government's doorstep requesting a bailout if our remaining fish cannery, StarKist, is forced to relocate its facilities to a low wage can tuna fish producing country.

The above discourse highlights American Samoa's total vulnerability due to its dependence on one industry (one company) and emphasizes the absolute need for economic diversification. Many of the island microstates in the Pacific are aggressively pushing the development of their tourism industries. American Samoa has struggled for a very long time to

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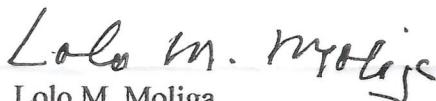
diversify its economy by developing its tourism industry. These efforts have been exercises in futility because the basic component of the tourism infrastructural system is air transportation. Regrettably, the federal "Cabotage Policy" created a monopolistic air transportation environment and placed American Samoa in a hostage situation subjecting visitors and residents alike to the payment of exorbitant airfares with only two flights a week except for the Summer and Christmas holidays.

For years we have pursued an exemption and waiver from the clutches of the Cabotage Policy because of its detrimental effects on our economy and huge financial burden on our people to visit families in the United States and to seek medical treatment off-island. We highlighted and petitioned consideration citing the same overwhelming factors which fostered the granting of the exemption/waiver to Alaska. The distance from the mainland United States to American Samoa is far greater than to Alaska and the economic impediments far exceed those prevalent to Alaska as well.

Clearly, the Cabotage Policy is effectively stifling us economically along with burdening our people financially and preempting the practice of our culture and our traditional way of life through reciprocal visitation. This federal policy creates an injustice situation through the elimination of economic and financial opportunities inherent in the development of our tourism industry. Moreover, this policy has relegated our people to accept one air carrier service abuse, baseless exorbitant airfares and gross lack of sensitivity to the needs of our people.

It is becoming abundantly clear that the only option available to the Territory of American Samoa is to seek legal remedy if status quo is maintained and continue without relief.

Sincerely,



Lolo M. Moliga
Governor of American Samoa

cc: Honorable Aumua Amata Radewagen, Member of Congress
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